

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please amend Claims 1 and 14 so as to read as follows:

21 1. (Four Times Amended) An image processing device which comprises image data input means for inputting image data, image data storage means for storing input image data received from said image data input means, image data confirmation means for confirming characteristics of each input image data, management table means for managing on an image basis as each image is inputted from the image data input means the characteristics of each input image data confirmed by said image data confirmation means as management information of said each input image data with reference to the corresponding each input image data stored in said image data storage means, and image processing means for performing image processing with respect to said each input image data,

wherein:

said management table means manages input request information indicative of a request for transmitting each processed input image data from said image processing means, and input completion information indicative of the completion of an input of said each input image data responsive to said request in connection with the corresponding each input image data stored in said image data storage means.

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14. (Thrice Amended) An image processing device, comprising:
- image data input means for inputting image data;
 - image data input management table means for managing each input image data on an image basis as each image data is inputted from the image data input means;
 - first image data storage means for storing each image data;
 - image processing means for carrying out image processing with respect to each inputted image data;
 - second image data storage means for storing each processed input image data obtained by performing image processing with respect to said each input image data by said image processing means; and
 - input request information/input completion information/processing completion information management table means for managing input request information indicative of a request for transmitting each processed input image data from said image processing means, and input completion information indicative of the completion of an input of said each input image data in connection with the corresponding each input image data stored in said first image data storage means, and for managing processing completion information indicative of the completion of image processing with respect to said each input image data by said image processing means in connection with the corresponding each processed input image data stored in said second image data storage means
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